



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services

At its meeting held August 26, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“According to several news reports, the West Nile Virus, which arrived this week in Imperial County, could find its way into Los Angeles County yet this summer and fall. Last year, the virus infected 4,156 people, of whom 284 died, in the largest U.S. outbreak since the virus was first detected in the Country in 1999. This year, there have been at least 753 U.S. human cases, including 16 deaths, according to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. It is important that we continue efforts to be prepared to protect the public’s health from the inevitable arrival of the virus in Los Angeles County.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Directors of Health Services and Public Health were instructed to report back to the Board within two weeks regarding the current status of preparations by the Department of Health Services, working with the State and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the arrival of the West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County, including ongoing collaborative efforts for surveillance and mosquito control with the mosquito and vector control districts.

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